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REMARKS

Claims 1-110 are pending, although claims 2, 10-14, 16, 23-26, 28, 35-38, 40, 47-65, 88, and 90-110 have been withdrawn by the Examiner. Claims 29, 41, 87, and 89 have been amended.

The specification has been amended to refer to a prior application, as requested, and to number the sequences.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 3-9, 15, 17-22, 27, 39 and 66-86. Thus, only claims 29-34, 41-46, 87, and 89 stand rejected.

Sequence Listing

Applicant has attached the necessary information to comply with the sequence rules.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 29-34, 41-46, and 89 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 29, 41, and 89, have been amended herein to refer back to an elected claim, thus the rejection is now moot.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 87 and 89 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102, as anticipated by Hubler *et al* ("the Hubler reference"). The Hubler reference teaches a compound of the formula H-Si-(NH₂)₃. The Hubler reference fails to teach or suggest any compounds that would anticipate or render obvious Applicants' claim 87 as amended, and therefore Applicants respectfully

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submit that claim 87 is in condition for allowance. Claim 89 depends from and further limits claim 87, and therefore is in condition for allowance as well.

If the Examiner has any questions, she is invited to call the undersigned.

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